Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

729. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released total funds to complete four Golden Quadrilateral Road, East-West Corridor Road and North-South Road (Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Saurashtra to Silchar Road); and

(b) by when it is likely to be completed and the reasons for not completing of NH-5, Chennai to Kolkata Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) Funds are released annually by the Government based on the expenditure requirement for the completion of projects including Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West (N-S-EW) corridor projects.

(b) Golden Quadrilateral is targeted for completion by December 2010 and NS-EW corridor is targeted for substantial completion by Dec-2010. Portion of NH-5 in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has already been completed. There is a delay in completion of NH-5 in Orissa as three contracts were terminated due to persistent non-performance of the contractors. The balance work has since been awarded. Out of 391 Km of NH-5 in Orissa, 310 km has already been completed and work in balance length of 81 km is targeted for completion by October, 2011.

New Elevated Expressway Project from Chennai Port to Maduravayal

730. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the proposed execution of new Elevated Expressway Project from Chennai Port to Maduravayal fully funded by the Union Government causes displacement of many families who live in their own houses for decades;

(b) whether their grievances are being taken into consideration for redressal by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Elevated Road from Chennai Port to Maduravayal is proposed along Cooum River in Chennai and is being executed through National Highways Authority of India.

The alignment passes along the banks of Cooum river from Chennai port to Koyambedu and then along NH4 from Koyambedu to Maduravayal.

Slums are existing along the Cooum River and the Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB) have identified 11,193 Project affected families. The land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement is being done by the Govt. of Tamil Nadu and